

# Southwark Brexit Panel

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**SOUTHWARK BREXIT PANEL EVIDENCE SESSION 3****THEME: BUSINESS AND EMPLOYMENT**

The following individual has been invited to give evidence on her views and experience of Brexit preparations.

**Lorna Gavin: Head of Diversity, Inclusion & Corporate Responsibility, Gowling WLG**

Lorna Gavin is Head of Diversity, Inclusion & Corporate Responsibility at commercial law firm Gowling WLG. For the 14 years prior to taking up the role in 2006, she was a practising corporate lawyer and latterly a partner. Lorna splits her time between the firm's London and Birmingham offices.

In her role, Lorna is responsible for the firm's pro bono, volunteering and charitable giving activities, diversity and wellbeing programmes and environmental strategy. Since 2001, Lorna has led the firm's engagement in the Ready for Work programme which has seen over 100 homeless people take part in work placements at the firm; some of them are on the payroll today. She helps the firm support over 80 charities, including NSPCC, RNIB and The Big Issue with pro bono and in kind support. She also leads collaborative community initiatives with clients and suppliers – in 2015 one such collaboration led to the creation of Suited for Success, an award winning charity providing business clothing for people facing multiple barriers to employment.

Lorna chairs the Southwark Business Forum. Lorna is a member of the West Midlands Combined Authority Homelessness Taskforce, leading its resourcing work-stream. She is also an ambassador for the Corporate Alliance Against Domestic Violence. Lorna was named Corporate Social Responsibility/Pro Bono Lawyer of the Year 2017 by Birmingham Law Society and Inspiring Leader by Birmingham Future in 2018.

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### **THEME: COMMUNITIES AND EU CITIZENS RIGHTS**

The following individuals have been invited to give evidence on their views and experience of Brexit preparations.

**Patria Roman-Velazquez:** Chair of Trustees of Latin Elephant

Patria Roman-Velazquez is the founder & Chair of Trustees of Latin Elephant, a charity that aims to increase inclusion, engagement and participation of BAME groups and in particular Latin Americans in processes of urban change in London. She is also a Senior Lecturer in Media & Creative Industries at Loughborough University.

**Carlos Naranjo:** Director of the Latin American Chamber of Commerce

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**Gordon McCullough:** CEO Community Southwark

Gordon has over 18 years' experience of working in the voluntary and community sector; the majority of which has been spent supporting and advocating on behalf of charities and communities. Gordon was Head of Research for the Northern Ireland Council for Voluntary Action (sister council of NCVO) for nine years. Following NICVA, Gordon took up the post of Deputy Director of the Institute for Voluntary Action Research (IVAR) based at Birkbeck College. Before joining Community Southwark he was the interim Chief Executive of Brighton and Hove Community and Voluntary Sector Forum. Gordon has been CEO of Community Southwark since 2012.

**Sally Causer:** Executive Director, Southwark Law Centre

Sally Causer: has been Executive Director at Southwark Law Centre since August 2015.

From 2009-2015 Sally was Director of Partnership and Development for Citizens Advice Southwark. As part of the role she set up the forum for Equalities and Human Rights in Southwark , providing training and support for local agencies and Tenant Residents Associations around equalities issues, including tackling hate crime.

Sally is a Member of Southwark Health and Well Being Board and Chairs Southwark Homeless Forum

Current volunteer work

Chair: Southwark Travellers Action Group / Coordinator Southwark Refugee Response

**Ruth Budge:** Immigration Solicitor, Southwark Law Centre

Ruth Budge is an immigration solicitor employed by Southwark Law Centre. She specialises in supporting destitute migrant families. She regularly works with families who derive their rights to remain from EU case-law, whose futures are uncertain post Brexit. She also advises many vulnerable EU citizen's including care leavers and victims of trafficking as well as people who are homeless and those with long term physical and mental disabilities. She is part of a group of solicitor's from the Law Centre's Network who have been funded by the European Commission Representation in the UK to provide information sessions on EU citizens' rights in the wake of Brexit.

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